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Wheat Sheaf Hotel 289
King & Bathurst
Toronto
Oct 9th 1919

Sir. Robert Falconer
69 St. George
Toronto.

Dear Sir:-

My uncle the Late Richard Rennelson of Galt, a Bachelor brother of the Late Rev W. H. Rennelson of Knox church Hamilton, confided to me, his namesake that as he had no direct heirs, and had lost two brothers by consumption and one sister, one brother-in-law, and one nephew by cancer, he had decided to give his property to "Humanity in General" and divide it between Toronto University for work against cancer and Gravenhurst consumptive hospital. Nearly all the heirs knew I held something from which they were excluded, yet when the Uncle died I was not invited to the funeral: he died on Friday and was buried on Monday, and I was notified the following Thursday. I knew there would be no will and on the quiet I had an outsider establish the fact of the Uncle's intention by getting him to correspond on the subject with the Uncle.

People who never whispered about claims

against the Es Uncle, and presenting large claims against the Estate.
It looks as if the Estate will not pay 50 cts on the $1, on account of these preferred claims. The administrators last estimate to me is $28.200. I havnt any faith in the administrator. Some of the heirs can ill-afford to lose even their scalped share, but the same bunch that is in control have cheated me out of my portion of two estates already, and I cannot bear to take ½ my share from them, and allow them to divy up an estate consecrated to elevate suffering.
The Old Uncle insisted on skinning a cow killed by a train, while his younger Brother wanted it buried. The Old brother had his way, the younger cut his finger took blood poison which killed him. It was this tragedy which gave the old man the spirit to "pinch and save" to do something to redeem his brother. Now able bodied men are exploiting the savings.
The administrator will be presenting the estate to the County Judge at Kitchener before long

and Ill place my papers for the inspeation of your solicitor. I may be leaving the city before long, so if you will phone me here about six o'clock, I will call anywhere Friday evening.
I was at your residence this evening but you were out

Yours sincerely

P. Le. Elliott

782, 7th Ave East

Owen Sound

October 17th, 1919

Mr. H. L. Elliott,
782 - 7th Avenue East,
Owen Sound.

Dear Mr. Elliott:

I have consulted the Chancellor of the University, who is one of the chief legal authorities of this Province, with regard to your letter, and he informs me that a merely expressed intention of your uncle to give his property to the University and the Cheshire Hospital is ineffective. In the absence of a will or some other instrument carrying it into effect mere intention to give amounts to nothing. If it is believed that there is a will in existence steps could be taken to recall the letters of administration, and the parties who are supposed to know about the will could be examined under oath, but he is of opinion that you are doubtful whether any will was made. In the circumstances, I think, you will observe that he could hardly take any action in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

President.